

Amendments to the Drawings

The replacement sheets of drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** include changes to, and replace, Figures 13, 14 and 16 of the original sheets of drawings.

The term “READGIN” in Fig. 13, step S106 has been corrected to be “READING”.

The term “READGIN” in Fig. 14, step S208 has been corrected to be “READING”.

The term “READGIN” in Fig. 16, step S404 has been corrected to be “READING”.

Attachment: replacement sheets of drawings for Figures 13, 14 and 16.

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 7, 2005. Claims 1-9 were pending, with claims 1 and 7 being in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1 and 4-7 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 1 and 4-7 are presented for reconsideration.

Support for the claim amendments can be found in the application, for example, in claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 as originally filed, and in Fig. 16 (and corresponding discussion in the specification).

The disclosure was objected to as having informalities. The drawing were objected to as having informalities.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct the formal matters noted in the Office Action.

In addition, the replacement sheets of drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** include changes to, and replace, Figures 13, 14 and 16 of the original sheets of drawings. Figures 13, 14 and 16 have been amended to correct the formal matters noted in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure and the objection to the drawings is requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,680,158 to Yoshida et al. Claims 7, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,253,940 to Abecassis. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Yoshida in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0174231 to Surloff et al. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Yoshida in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,523,754 to Eisen et al. Claim 6

was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Yoshida in view of Surloff and further in view of Eisen.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that claims 1 and 7 are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

This application relates to improvements to a communication device having a keyboard or numeric keypad which allow a user of the communication device to readily change a character layout of the keyboard or numeric keypad.

For example, claim 1 is directed to a communication device comprising a keyboard and a recording/outputting unit. The recording/outputting unit creates image data to be recorded on a label based on the selected keyboard (or numeric-keypad) character layout, records an image corresponding to the created image data on the label, and outputs the label on which the image is recorded. Since the label on which the image (for the selected layout) is recorded is output by the communication device, the user can smoothly input the literal information or the numeric information on the communication device.

Yoshida, as understood by Applicant, is directed to a communication apparatus which permits a person having a hearing, speech or muscular function handicap to communicate with another person by means of characters or voice. Yoshida discloses a communication device in which the predetermined keyboard character layout is selected from among a plurality of predetermined keyboard character layouts by a user.

However, Applicant does not find teaching or suggestion in Yoshida of creating image data to be recorded on a label based on the selected keyboard character layout, recording an image corresponding to the created image data on the label, and outputting the label on which the

image is recorded, as provided by the claimed invention of amended claim 1.

Abecassis, as understood by Applicant, is directed to user selectable numeric keycaps layout. In particular, Abecassis discloses allowing a user of the numerical keypad to select and set the layout of the keypad as between (i) a 123 layout such as can be found in telephone devices, or (ii) a 789 layout such as presently utilized in calculators.

However, Applicant does not find teaching or suggestion in Abecassis of creating image data to be recorded on a label based on the selected numeric-keypad character layout, recording an image corresponding to the created image data on the label, and outputting the label on which the image is recorded, as provided by the claimed invention of amended claim 7.

Surloff, as understood by Applicant, is directed to a simplified technique for enabling users of computers coupled to the internet to access e-commerce web sites and purchase goods and services from the web sites. Surloff discloses that the technique can be incorporated in a computer keyboard.

Eisen, as understood by Applicant, is directed to a method and apparatus for automatically reconfiguring a keyboard input device to support the appropriate language when moving from computer software application to another computer software application on a desktop.

Applicant does not find disclosure or suggestion in the cited art, however, of a communication device comprising (a) a keyboard or numeric keypad and (b) a recording/outputting unit, wherein the recording/outputting unit creates image data to be recorded on a label based on the selected keyboard (or numeric-keypad) character layout, records an image corresponding to the created image data on the label, and outputs the label on which the image is recorded, as provided by the claimed invention of independent claims 1 and 7, as amended.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that

claims 1 and 7, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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